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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING BATCHES OF IMMUNOCOMPETENT CELLS COLLECTED FROM HUMAN OR ANIMAL SUBJECTS FOR DEFERRED USE, AND RELATED THERAPY METHODS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of June 17, 2002 for three months to December 17, 2002.

Please charge the extension fee of \$460 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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